

*President's Hometown (and Campaign HQ), Labor Strongholds, and*

*Site of 2012 Democratic Convention Are Next Stops for Gutierrez*

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**(Washington, DC)** – Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez' national tour to spotlight deportations and the toll they are taking on American families is gaining steam and traveling to key Democratic strongholds in the coming week. The Congressman's hometown Chicago is first up (4/16), which is also the President's hometown and site of candidate Obama's national campaign headquarters. Milwaukee (4/17), which is gearing up for a massive May 1 march and rally is next, followed by Detroit (4/18), where immigration agents -- in a break from longstanding policy -- recently conducted an enforcement action at a local school. The tour also stops in Charlotte, NC (4/20), a southern commercial capital with a large and growing immigrant population that will play host to the Democratic convention in 2012.

"The fear and dissatisfaction in immigrant and Latino communities is palpable and both parties shoulder some of the blame," Rep. Gutierrez said of the feedback he has received at previous stops (in Providence, Boston, Houston, Austin, and Dallas) of the tour that was launched March 31. "Headed into an election year, the issue I am hearing about most is the record-setting pace of deportations, the price families and communities are paying, and the failure to make progress on immigration."

The main event in each city is a public meeting where U.S. citizens, DREAM Act students, and others testify about the impact 400,000 deportations a year are having on their lives. Each event also includes petitions to President Obama asking him to use powers he has under

existing law to provide relief to the families of U.S. citizens, DREAM Act students and their families, and other immigrants with deep roots in their communities.

## **CHICAGO, IL**

- Date/Time: Saturday, April 16 | 11:00 a.m.
- Main Event: Lincoln United Methodist Church | 2242 S Damen Avenue | Chicago 60608
- Contact: Emma Lozano | Familias Latinas Unidas/Sin Fronteras

## **MILWAUKEE, WI**

- Date/Time: Sunday, April 17 | 4:00 p.m.
- Main Event: St. Adalbert's Catholic Church | 1923 W. Becher St. | Milwaukee 53215
- Contact: Christine Neumann Ortiz | Voces de la Frontera

## **DETROIT/DEARBORN, MI**

- Date/Time: Monday, April 18 | 6:00 p.m.
- Main Event: UAW Local 600 | 10550 Dix Highway | Dearborn, MI
- Contact: Ryan Bates | Alliance for Immigrants Rights & Reform

## **CHARLOTTE, NC**

- Date/Time: Wednesday, April 20 | 6:30 p.m.
- Main Event: St Paul Baptist Church | 1401 Allen St. | Charlotte 28205
- Contact: Ruben Campillo | Latin American Coalition

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Links to further information on the "Campaign for American Children and Families" tour:

- Campaign launch press release (March 31): <http://bit.ly/g1ZWgi>
- Campaign update press release (April 5): <http://bit.ly/fMNVqJ>
- Associated Press - "Families urge Obama to end deportations" <http://fxn.ws/dWouuU>
- *Washington Times* - "Activists fight immigrant roundups" <http://bit.ly/hHQStn>
- *Boston Globe* - "Call for change stirs East Boston immigrants" <http://bo.st/iiSdUX>
- *Providence Journal* - "Ill. congressman visits Providence to talk about immigration policy" <http://bit.ly/f4Gv7A>
- *Al Día* (Dallas/Ft. Worth) - "Piden poner fin a deportaciones," <http://bit.ly/fnPPlo>
- WLS-AM - "Connected to Chicago Interview with Rep. Gutierrez" <http://bit.ly/fyd8TT>

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